

Select Databases and Indexes

Indiana Biography Index

Database to locate information about Indiana people; a card file index with thousands of entries is available in the Great Hall and online.

Indiana County Histories Indexes

Printed indexes to county histories for all counties in Indiana. In the Microforms Area and the Indiana Reference Collection.

Indiana World War II Servicemen

Database to locate articles in Indianapolis daily newspapers mentioning Hoosiers who served in World War II.

Indianapolis Newspaper Index, 1848-1888

Database to locate select articles from 1848-1888 from Indianapolis daily newspapers.

Indianapolis Newspapers Index, 1898-1979

Card file index to articles about people, places, events, and topics in Indianapolis and Indiana.

Indianapolis Newspaper Index, 1979-1991

Database to locate select articles from the *Indianapolis Star* and *Indianapolis News*.

Indianapolis Newspaper Index, 1993-2000

CD set for articles from the *Indianapolis Star* and *Indianapolis News*.

Logansport Newspaper Index, 1848-1855

Database to locate select articles from 1848-1855 from Logansport newspapers.

New Albany Newspaper Index, 1849-1889

Database to locate select articles from 1849-1889 from New Albany newspapers.

Post Office Index

Card file index to early Indiana post offices. In the Microforms Area, second floor.

Supplementary Index

Card file index to articles about Indiana from a variety of magazines and journals, through 1991. In the Microforms Area, second floor.

Vincennes Newspaper Index, 1804-1827

Database to locate select articles from 1804-1827 from Vincennes newspapers.



Visit the Indiana State Library

Everyone is welcome to visit the State Library. Staff are available to assist patrons with their research questions. Librarians with expertise in a variety of fields are on hand to provide guidance and information.

Arrange for a class, club, department, or organization to visit the Indiana State Library. Staff can provide tours geared toward the needs of the group and can assist the group in preparing for a research visit.

To arrange a tour or research visit for a group, call 317-232-3699 or e-mail dlipp@library.in.gov

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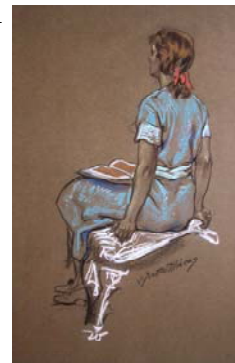
The Indiana Division answers questions on all aspects of the state of Indiana, whether you need a biography of a current sports star, newspaper article from 1804, or information from state agency publications.

The Indiana Division also collects and maintains print and non-print materials documenting all areas of Indiana and its people. Many of the items in this collection do not circulate, but are available for in-house use.

- Maps and atlases
- State laws, 1816 - present
- Indiana newspapers, 1804 - present
- State agency reports and publications
- Histories, biographies, magazines and journals
- Manuscripts, broadsides, and photographs

The Indiana Division is considered one of the largest and broadest collections of information about Indiana in the world. With its extensive collections of state agency publications, newspapers, manuscripts from Hoosiers of all walks of life, and more, it serves as a resource to scholars, state employees, students, family historians, environmental engineers, and the public. Staff answer approximately 15,000 questions each year from throughout the world by phone, fax, e-mail, letter, or in person.

The Manuscripts Section of the Indiana Division collects, preserves, and makes available over three million manuscripts dating from the late 1700s through the 21st century, as well as thousands of photographs, broadsides, and oral histories.



Sketch by J. Scott Williams for a mural located in the Great Hall of the Indiana State Library and Historical Building, dedicated in 1934.

The Indiana Division oversees the State Documents Program, responsible for collecting copies of state agency publications and distributing them to the 12 state document depository libraries outside Indianapolis, as well as the Library of Congress.

The Indiana Division's Newspaper Section is responsible for the acquisition of newspapers from around Indiana. It subscribes to over 150 current newspapers, and holds over 80,000 reels of microfilmed newspapers dating from 1804 through today.

The Indiana Division has created specialized indexes and databases to provide better access to Indiana information. Several indexes are online databases now, accessible from the Library's Web site.

<http://library.in.gov/www/isl/whatwehave/dbindex.html>